

REMARKS

Claims 1-35 are pending in the application. Claims 1-3, 8, 9, 11, 15-17, 22-24, and 26 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as anticipated by Streetman (6,456,902).

The Applicants have established a date of invention prior to the effective date of the Streetman '902 reference.

Claims 4-6, 12, 18-20, and 27 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as obvious over Streetman '902 in view of Ocondi.

Since the Streetman '902 reference has been eliminated by the previously submitted declarations, this rejection is moot.

Claims 1, 2, 11, 15, 16, and 26 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as obvious over Streetman '460. The Examiner states that the Streetman '460 reference teaches all that is claimed except for the local server being connected to a sensor and to another server. The Examiner states that it would have been obvious to modify Streetman '460 to provide these features because of the discussion at col. 8, lines 10-15 of Streetman '460.

In order to make out an obviousness rejection, the Examiner must find all of the elements of the claim and must find some incentive to combine references to meet the claim. Here the Examiner has done neither. Although the Examiner cites a specific

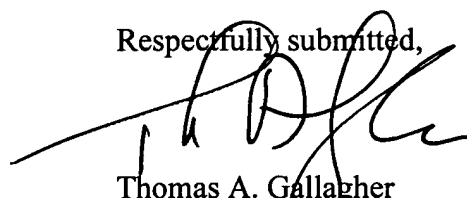
portion of the Streetman '460 reference, the cited portion does not teach or suggest what is missing from the rejection. The word "sensor" does not appear anywhere in the reference. In addition, the vague discussion at col. 8 of the reference does not constitute a specific suggestion to modify the reference in the way proposed by the Examiner.

Claims 3-6, 12, 17-20, and 27 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as obvious over Streetman '460 in view of Ocondi.

This rejection relies on the previously discussed interpretation of Streetman '460 and the remarks made above apply to this rejection as well.

In light of all of the above, it is submitted that the claims are in order for allowance, and prompt allowance is earnestly requested. Should any issues remain outstanding, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney of record so that the case may proceed expeditiously to allowance.

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